



#### DON'T HIDE BEHIND NOTHING

URISTS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE will be aghast when they hear me say, "Don't hide behind nothing," and will consider it inexcusable abuse of the mother tongue. But actually its sense here is good. Hiding is a sign of fear or weakness, even when one hides behind something; and so when one hides behind nothing, one is both weak and ridiculous. Sometimes hiding behind nothing indicates furtiveness or even deceit. When men hide themselves behind nothing, they render themselves ineffective, and they disillusion or disconcert their friends.

How can a person hide behind nothing? There are several ways in which it is done, the chief of which I suppose is the writing of unsigned letters. The man who feels strongly enough about a matter to desire to write a letter, and takes the time to write it, then refuses to sign his name to it, is inexcusable. His bold words mean nothing, for he is hurling them from a hiding place—he is hiding behind namelessness, or anonymity, or, more accurately, the guise of being a nothing or a nobody.

It seems that editors stand in peculiar stead to receive unsigned letters. Without having the experience, you cannot know how disappointing it is to receive a letter that is full of strong opinions, sometimes with sound reasoning and lucid logic. It is disappointing for an editor to reach such a letter with growing delight and admiration for a writer with such clear thought and expression, only to have all his pleasure dashed in the end when he finds that it is signed, "A friend," or, "A reader," or by any one of a host of anonymities.

It is noticeable that it is usually among critical correspondence that we find unsigned letters. Some people do not dare sign their names to their own criticisms, and are afraid to have their identity associated with uncomplimentary messages. Why this should be, I do not know, for people who are worth your criticisms do not cobject to receiving them. But you cannot hope to help any person or any situation by criticizing it and then refusing to identify your personality with what has been said.

We should never be afraid or too weak to stand beside our opinions and convictions. If you have a genuine grievance, voice it as a protest by the authority of your own identity. If something is wrong, don't be afraid to associate yourself with opposition to it. If you feel that something is wrong, but there is a possibility of its having a justifiable explanation, identify your protest so you can receive an explanation. When your name is not known you cannot effectively correct error, for your criticism is ignored or disregarded. No one is entitled to a conviction or an opinion who is afraid to stand behind it with all of himself. The man who tries to hide himself behind namelessness is unfair to his own convictions. It is easy to identify oneself with a popular cause, but it requires strength and courage to be known as an objector to the popular and conventional trends of thought or action. If you do not feel strongly enough about a matter or a situation to sign your name to your correspondence concerning it, it is not worth the time to write a letter or even a postcard.

VERY OFTEN we meet people who hide themselves behind another form of namelessness-the "I know a man who" group. Sometimes this is caused by timidity as much as by timorousness. Let us suppose that a man is in need of advice or counsel concerning a personal fault. In seeking the counsel of a friend or acquaintance he does not identify himself with the fault, but, intimating it is some nameless person whom he knows, he says, "I know a man who likes to read murder mysteries. Do you think it is wrong?" or, "I know a man who is considering going to the ball game. Do you think he should?" or, "I know a man who has a very violent temper and wonder if there is any way he can be helped" or, some woman will say, "I know a woman who is terribly jealous of her husband. How can she overcome it?" The point is that when they say such things, they actually mean themselves. They are having the very troubles which they mention but are hiding themselves behind the words "I know a man." When we seek advice we should do it forthrightly, for therein we can be helped. This is another form of anonymity that often defeats its own purpose.

Then there is "someone suggested" group. Usually this group is composed of those who are dissatisfied with things as they are and wish to see certain changes made. They lack the courage and self-confidence to suggest that suitable changes be made-either because they are afraid of offending the one to whom they suggest the change, or because they are actually uncertain of the suitableness of such a change. Here is an instance of what I mean: Suppose that someone is dissatisfied with the length of the Sunday morning services in the local church. Because the person lacks the boldness to suggest to the pastor that the services be dismissed a little earlier, he will say, "Someone has suggested that our Sunday morning services be dismissed at least by twelve thirty." Why not simply suggest the thing you think best? There is no need to hide behind some imaginary person by putting your words into the mouth of "someone." If you are capable of having a thought or an opinion, then boldly state it. Do not hide behind such a ridiculous state of namelessness. Let your name and your personality and your mentality be identified with the thing you have to

Quite a sizeable group is the "they say" people. These people never say anything—they only relate what "they say," without ever telling you who they are. The people who hide behind the flimsy phrase "they say" never have a personal opinion, an idea, or thought. They simply relate what some unidentified, and often nonexistent, person or persons have said: "Not that I agree, but they say

she is a bad girl." Who says? That question is never answered. No one in particular says such a thing; it is just "they say." If "they" are the only ones who say it, then forget it, for in reality no one says it. This is usually only a screen behind which some weak and cowardly person hides while he hurls out the darts of his bias and malice. It is not always as harsh as that, taking at times very mild forms, but it is always a sign of weakness and nonentity-a ridiculous attempt to hide behind nothing.

#### PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



ENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER is now President-Elect of the United States of America, a fact which has made millions happy and other millions doubtful. The heat and furor of the presidential campaign was a lively demonstration of the temper of the American people. Someone

has said that Americans like their politics and their religion "served hot." This, I think, is an evident fact, but it also poses the problem of compatibility between the two. What should be the true Christian's attitude and participation in the politics of our nation? There is definitely a responsibility there which is carefully outlined in the Scriptures: 1 Peter 2:17 says, "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." Titus 3:1 says for us to be "subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work." Romans 13:1 (Williams Translation), "Everyone must obey the civil authorities that are over him, for no authority exists except by God's permission; the existing authorities have been established by him, so that anyone who resists the authorities sets himself against what God has established, and those who set themselves against him will get the penalty due them . . . for the civil authorities are God's servants to do you good . . . indeed they are God's servants . . . therefore, you must obey them, not only for the sake of escaping punishment, but also for conscience' sake: for this is the reason you pay your taxes, for the civil authorities are God's official servants, faithfully devoting themselves to this very end."

OUR PRIMARY responsibility as citizens to our Government is prayer. Regardless of the way you voted in the recent election, you should discard all malice or jubilation and pray earnestly for President-Elect Eisenhower and his administration to lead our country into greater heights of righteousness. We all realize that the times in which we live are desperate times, and the man who guides the destiny of this great nation is in as great a need of prayer and spiritual support as any man who has ever served. We need not look for a panacea, and we need not look for a bag of tricks that will suddenly solve our problems and deliver us from our troubles.

In the morass of our age we must not forget that we are enjoined with a spiritual responsibility to our rulers. The answers to our problems are not as simple as some of the presidential candidates may have intimated when they were seeking office. We then, as Christians, owe to our country our earnest prayers that God will guide and direct in all our affairs. Whatever you may feel is your individual political responsibility, and regardless of your political persuasion, we are all responsible to pray for righteousness to be established in and by the Government of our land.

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

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clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptised in the name of the Pather, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premiliennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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## Missionary Convention

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man ministers, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen," 1 Peter 4:11.

OR SEVERAL MONTHS the sincere prayer and desire of the hearts of our laymen and ministry has been, "Lord, help me to do something that will multiply the interest of the mission cause, and help our people to get a vision and forget about such a thing as a

'quota' or a 'budget,' and get a vision of the work begun by our first MISSIONARY."

Christ gave all when He started out on His missionary work at the age of 30 years. Many prayers have gone up relative to this, and now we can say, "Thank you, Lord, for opening the doors for us, and please help us to walk in as they are opened."

A night not soon to be forgotten by our people of the North Cleveland Church of God was November 5, which was the beginning of the greatest missionary convention we have ever had. In fact, this was the birth of the missionary conventions, and even while I am writing you, there are conventions going on all over Tennessee, and our people are drinking from the fountain that never runs dry. This missionary spirit is spreading over several states, and we trust that before it is finished it will circle the globe

We adopted as our theme song for the convention, "Jesus Saves."

Inasmuch as this was the very first convention, our people came with an air of expectation, and I believe they were satisfied with what they saw and heard. Reverend Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, brought the message for the first night, which was the "Laymen's Part in the Missionary Program." The Lord opened our hearts to receive the Word, and He also opened our minds to giving. Without any pleading, pledges were made in the amount of \$1,100 for the mission cause. We were greatly encouraged and thanked the Lord for the wonderful vision of the need.

Thursday night we feasted on the dynamic message of Reverend Wade H. Horton, Foreign Missions Field Representative, entitled "Vital Vision." He pointed out the results of a Christian life that has met God. For example, he used Isaiah, the prophet who thought he was all right until one day he met God face to face, and then he realized he was a man of unclean lips. He repented before God, and when the Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and whom will go for us?" Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me." Again hearts were opened to the spirit of giving, and pledges and money came in which amounted to approximately \$1,190. As we sat in our seats, with tears flowing freely, we realized more and more the great Commission which is to the entire Church.

By RUTH KINSOLVING

We welcomed the privilege of having our returned missionary to India, Reverend C. E. French speak to us. He used for his scripture, "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch," Acts 11:26. He pointed out that all peoples who had religion were not saved. This service climaxed with the raising of approximately \$1,300.

AS WE sang the theme song Sunday morning, our hearts were humbled before God for the sweet spirit that prevailed. Before the sermon, Brother French conducted an open forum in order for the people present to ask him any questions they desired relative to the mission work.

Reverend French used as his sermon, "The Church's First Business," and his text, St. John 1:42, "And he brought him to Jesus . . ." Even before his message was concluded, many were weeping openly, and a sweet spirit of submission prevailed. Just like popcorn, people began rising from their seats, saying, "I'll give \$200 to build a church in India"; "I'll give \$50 for missions"; "I'll give \$250"; "I'll give \$100"; "I'll give my entire week's salary"; "I'll pledge \$5, trusting the Lord to help me get the money from somewhere"; "Brother French, I don't have any money but this morning I am giving myself to God to go and to do whatever He would have me do"; "Brother French, I don't have any money; the only thing I have that's worth anything is my watch, and I am willing to give it if it will be the cause of some soul being saved," and someone made a pledge immediately and asked that the young lady's watch be returned to her; "Brother French, I'll give \$100 on a church building in India"; "I'll give \$200 to support a student in the International Preparatory Institute." Many, many pledges were given, and many pledges made during the other services were doubled. An approximate \$3,700 was raised in this one service. My, it was wonderful! How thankful we were for such a service, and everyone seemed to forget that we were staying at least forty-five minutes longer than usual for Sunday morning. Someone said, "I just don't want to leave such a good service." We all felt it was surely good to be in the house of God once more.

An approximate total of money raised in these four services was over \$7,000, for which we are very thankful. We shall never know the good that was accomplished in these services, for our people were blessed, and many rededicated their lives to the Lord. Our pastor, Reverend J. Frank Spivey, is very happy for the vision his sheep have for missions, and is determined by the help of the

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# THE REVELATION OF GOD

By DR. CHARLES L. ALLEN



HEN GOD gave us the Ten Commandments, He did not command us to have a god. He took care of that in our creation. Man is so made that he must have some god. Whether he wants to or not, every person worships something. The danger lies in the fact that man can and often does, worship

the wrong gods.

So God commanded us: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). The complete and full revelation of God is in Christ. Next to the revelation of Christ, the most satisfying revelation of God is expressed in the Twenty-third Psalm.

#### TWO MAIN GODS

HOWEVER, two main gods of man today are science and the state. Many people have come to expect from those two gods the answer to all their problems and the supply of all their needs. I have before me two parodies on the twenty-third Psalm, which illustrate man's worship of these two gods. Edwin S. Hunt wrote the first one. I do not know the author of the second. Many today have said:

Science is my shepherd, I shall not want.

It alloweth me to be down on sleeping beauty mattresses.

It leadeth me beside the overflowing waters and services of the utility company.

It restoreth my vigor and vitamins.

It leadeth me in the paths of expedient righteousness for its own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for penicillin, sulfa and operations are with me.

Psychology and psychoanalysis, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me from the frozen food locker in the presence of unexpected guests.

Thou coverest my head with solar housing.

My cup of leisure time runneth over because of technology and faster transportation.

Surely the good life and mercy killing shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in a Sleep of

Peace waterproof burial vault for ever and ever.

#### STATE IS MY SHEPHERD'

And others are saying:

The State is my shepherd, I shall not work.

It makes me to lie down on good jobs.

It leadeth me by the side of the still factories.

It deadens my soul.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of slothfulness and economic disaster, I will fear no evil, for the State will be with me.

Its dole and paternalism, they comfort me.

It prepareth a Utopia for me appropriating the earnings of the frugal.

It filleth my head with fool expectations; my mounting inefficiency runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; I shall live on the bounty of the State forever.

However, more than at any time in our generation, people are realizing that David had it right in the long ago when he wrote the original twenty-third Psalm. Recently I wrote thirteen columns on that Psalm. I now have them available in a booklet which I would be happy to send to all who write me at 458 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta. These booklets cost me about 20c each for printing and postage, and I can send as many copies as you desire.

#### NEW THOUGHT

THE LETTERS I have received confirm my faith. For example, a nurse in Waycross writes: "I read your remedy in one of your columns about reading the twenty-third Psalm five times daily for seven days. It's really surprising what it can do for a person. Each time I read the Psalm a new thought came to me that I had missed before. When I am tired, it rests me; when I am nervous and worried, it calms me."

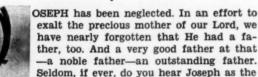
I am thankful for all the blessings of science, and I am loyal to my government, but above and beyond science there is the God who alone can satisfy the deepest hungers of man and meet the needs of our souls.

-The Atlanta Journal.



#### PERSONALITIES OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

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subject of a sermon, or a story, or a painting, or an essay. It is always Mary—Mary and her Babe. Even when Joseph is mentioned, or painted, it is obscurely—in the dim background, never in the spotlight. Doubtlessly, this is as he would have wished it, which is one good reason for making him the subject of this article. Without diminishing the reverence due the virgin mother of Christ, we should also realize that Joseph was very prominent in the life of our Lord. God had good reason for selecting Mary to bear His Son, and, doubtlessly, her husband-to-be was an important factor. God would surely be as careful in the selection of a father for the Saviour of the world as He would a mother. Yes, Joseph is extremely important; let us here remember him.

The blood in Joseph's veins was royal blood: "...he was of the house and lineage of David," Luke 2:4. Then, humility was a characteristic of him. Without vaunting his royal heritage, he was meekly earning his bread by carpentry. But he was definitely not a nobody—he was a richly endowed son of Abraham and David.

The prophet Micah gave an epitomized measure for a good man, which measure Joseph filled to the greatest degree. He met every requirement of a good man: the ultimate of godliness under the law. Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" If these, then, were the requirements for goodness, let us consider them separately and see how completely Joseph fulfilled the law.

#### 1. Joseph Was Just

IF JUSTICE is equitable and impartial judgment, or merited reward or punishment, then, at times, justice is more godly than forbearance and condonation. It is better for the child, and more righteous, too, that the

## The Forgotten Man

By CHARLES W. CONN Editor-in-Chief

parent be firm and just, rather than doting and tolerant. There is a pseudo-gentleness, which is really masked aversion to duty. At times it is difficult to be just, because it calls for courage and godliness—but justice must be done, even though it hurts us, too. Joseph was not a coddling old sentimentalist, but he was a just man of God

All within him loved Mary and yearned for her presence. The delight of his heart would have been to forgive her supposed infidelity. But when he heard of Mary's sickness, justice forced him to put her away-he did not know that her conceiving was of the Holy Ghost. For three months now his beloved had been away, visiting relatives. Now, on her return, Joseph did not observe the former gay, joyous, ebullient pride of his heart. Instead, he daily watched a listless, wan maiden, whose effervescence had been replaced by dull languor. Her eyes were dreamy, her thoughts faraway. When the truth of her condition pierced his dismayed mind, Joseph must have known then what it meant to have a heart violently wrung from one's bosom. No one can know the sorrow and shock that must have been his. Within the soggy greyness of his despair, only one thing was distinguishable, and it flashed like a red beacon incessantly upon his reason: infidelity! Mary, his Mary, as he reasoned, must have betrayed him. How could HE know? sorrowing. forgotten Joseph.

Compassion urged him to forget it with little or no ado, but justice demanded that he put her away. And Joseph was a just man, because he was a godly man. Knowing full well that it would hurt him far more than it would his beloved Mary, he finally decided that justice must be done; sin must be requited.

#### 11. Joseph Loved Mercy

YET HIS MERCY forced him to do so privately, so that she would not be needlessly exposed. Justice is good-justice with mercy is excellent. Certainly demonic persuasion urged Joseph to be harsh and ugly. When he made the decision for justice, Satan would have had him rush headlong to the other extreme, to become bitter and vengeful. How wonderful is the wisdom of God! If He had chosen another woman, with a rash and spiteful husband, who would have harmed her and exposed her, the beautiful Bethlehem scene, the marvelous birth of the Son of God would have been marred by all the foul rumor of the world. Jesus would have been reared in fatherless ignominy, and a damaging shadow would have shrouded the grace of God. But God chose Joseph, just and merciful, warm of heart and cool of head, tender yet firm, loving Mary and fearing God at all times. This may sound paradoxical, but Joseph was a

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.—Matthew 1:18, 19.

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paradox of human nature. He was mercifully just.

What a man really is, is revealed when he has the advantage of others. When it is not within one's power to be otherwise, one must be meek and gentle; but when one can well be harsh and tormenting, and still be gentle, then one can be said to be godly. Position reveals a man. Joseph was a good man.

111. Joseph Walked With God

WITH ANGUISH in his heart, Joseph brooded. There was a most glorious secret snug in the heart of Mary, but for him there was only blackness. The mysterious ecstasy that thrilled within her bosom replaced Joseph's presence for Mary, but for Joseph there was only loneliness. However, God had not forgotten the man He had chosen to father His Son. They walked together—the two of them, God and Joseph. Eventually, his devotion to God brought a revelation to the heart of Joseph. And with that revelation came sunshine again; glowing, life-giving sunshine into an aching, winter-impoverished heart.

Four times Joseph received a revelation from God. Four times during their lifelong walk God spoke to Joseph in a dream. (1) ". . . Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost!" With what joy he must have restored his beloved, with what delight must have been that reunion.

(2) It was to Joseph, not Mary, that God gave warning to flee into Egypt after Christ was born. (3) It was Joseph whom God told now to return to the land of Israel after the danger of Christ's threatened infanticide was past. (4) It was Joseph who heard the voice of God again saying to turn aside into parts of Galilee. Joseph walked with God and they communed together. Mary received the annunciation of Christ's birth, but Joseph was honored as the head of the home, and God committed the Child's welfare into his hands. Sturdy, steady hands they must have been.

Christ must be born of Mary. Christ must be reared of Joseph. They were not chosen separately, but together. Into their four hands He placed the Son of heaven, the Hope of the world, the Saviour of sinners, the Heart of God: Jesus. Four hands must now form a life. The aged, wise hands of Joseph; the tender, loving, toiling hands of Mary! God made it clear that He would use them together when He said, "SHE shall bring forth a son, and THOU shalt call his name JESUS." That Joseph was to have a prominent part in the life of Jesus is evident. God's choice of him as the earthly father of His Son was a very fortunate one, indeed.

IV. Joseph an Example for Jesus

IN THE HAPPY HOME of Christ's childhood, reverence for God and adherence to the law were



paramount. Strict observance of God's Word was directed by Joseph, to the delight, of course, of his precious wife and son. Luke 2:41, "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover."

This early training was very important in the later life of Jesus. It was by force of habit (custom) that He attended the worship of God regularly (Luke 4:16), and this habit was undoubtedly formed when He was very young. The training of a good father is one of the most formative things in a person's life, and Joseph was that good father. When Jesus was lost on their pilgrimage to Jerusalem, both His father and mother worried about Him, and sought Him together. Evidently, the father was equally, with the mother, proud of the Son. He was the joy of their hearts and the light of their lives, because He belonged on this earth to them.

Joseph worked with his hands. Being a carpenter (Matthew 13:55), he had to be an able craftsman, for the carpentry of his day was more of art than it is today. A yoke that fit snugly about the neck of a beast without injuring the beast, decorative furniture that adorned Galilean homes, sturdy woodwork supporting homes—this was the work of Joseph. Bending over his carpenter's tools, this man toiled for his family. What inner conflicts of spirit he may have had we do not know; but the outward conflict and toil for livelihood we do know.

Here the story of one of the most noble-spirited men to ever grace the earth must end. We know nothing of his death, nor the circumstances leading to it; he was forgotten. Naturally, neither he nor Mary could be seen in the glowing presence of their charge, Christ Jesus. His dazzling life swept everything else into the dimness of the sidelines, but, at least, the glorious perfection of His life did, in part, reflect the precision of His childhood training. That Joseph died before the crucifixion is evident since no mention is made of him during that terrible ordeal for Mary. Then christ commanded another, younger heart to care for His mother after His death. This would not have happened if Joseph had still been alive.

At some unknown time, in some unknown place, by some unknown circumstances he died. Although man has seldom stopped to consider him and the stout heart that beat in his mortal frame, he has not been entirely forgotten. We remember vaguely, but God remembers vividly: He remembers because Joseph walked with God.

## Foreign Missions

The Church's Inescapable Responsibility

By J. H. WALKER, SR.

HE GREAT Easter command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gcspel to every creature" was not only to the first disciples, but is the constant marching orders of the Church today.

The great commission came afresh from the newly resurrected lips of our risen Lord, speaking only those things most important, as He was going on a long journey, leaving the affairs of the Church to His true followers. These "last words" to make known the Lord Jesus Christ to all men as the only Saviour from sin were a challenge to the disciples. They accepted the challenge and began to give the message on missions the widest diffusion in contrast to any narrower delimitation.

They remembered the Lord's ministry, how He said, "The field is this world," "go ye into all the world," "to all nations," "to every creature," and "unto the uttermost part of the earth," while they themselves were inclined to exclude the Samaritans.

Christ's example before them was clearly one of activity from one end of Palestine to the other. His means of transportation that of walking, a very wearisome journey, yet He made three definite circuits—one throughout Galilee, one through Samaria, and another on the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. They remembered He said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth." They remembered He had sent the "Twelve," the "Seventy," two by two, "into every city and place, whither he himself would come." At Pentecost world evangelism was launched. Seventeen nations heard it immediately. When Christ went up, the Holy Ghost came down, and the Church went out. As the disciples felt more and more the impact of this dynamic, all-embracing "Great Commission," they began running here and there, never pausing, never resting, in their ceaseless and unwearied wanderings, to carry the news onward and onward, farther and farther, on to those new hearers of foreign lands. Peter went to Babylon in Mesopotamia and to Rome; Thomas to India; Paul to Europe, Italy, and Spain. Thus, in the first century the gospel had gone a distance of many thousands of mil is.

Those parting words of Christ put the stamp on Christianity that it was to be a universal religion—a religion not merely universal in a sense that it should be given to those who come seeking it, but universal in the sense that it must go out and seek for men in their own homes in foreign lands; a religion of conquest and progress in all directions; a religion that could not be satisfied to stop short of conquering the whole "creation." In other words, the commission said, "Go, conquer the world for me; carry the glad tidings into all lands and to every

The Father



ear, and deem not this work at an end till all nations shall have embraced the gospel and enrolled themselves my disciples."

HISTORY reveals that every time the Church becomes cold, indifferent, and feeble, missionary efforts sadly decline.

Constantine, beholding the gigantic cross in the skies, exclaimed, "By this sign we conquer." But in those days of the popularity of the cross, the multitudes failed to seek and obtain a change of heart, and thus the world flooded the Church. The Church then lost her purity and her separation from the state. Consequently, the Dark Ages followed inevitably. The Pentecostal fires burned so low until the fire was almost extinguished.

However, at all times, wherever afresh effusion of the Holy Spirit was experienced, individuals and churches were quickened invariably with missionary zeal.

For instance, the Pietists of Germany, under Spencer, Franche, and others, produced a Count Zenzendorf. The great Moravian Missionary Movement, which in 1732 began with two missionaries, by 1882 had sent out 2,170 missionaries to various fields, and by 1930 had 136 main mission states, 336 missionaries, 113 nationals, with 2,242 national helpers, 75,000 baptized believers, and 37,000 pupils in day schools. Ordinarily, our Protestant churches for every 2,000 to 3,000 members send out one missionary, but every 92 Moravians send out one missionary to some distant land. Applying this scale (every 92 sending one missionary), the Church of God would have 1,380 missionaries on the field today.

WILLIAM CAREY, in 1792, was seized with the urge that it was the Church's responsibility to evangelize the world. The historian puts it thus, "If ever an idea was originated in any man by the Spirit of God, it was this idea of the evangelization of the world." Leonard places the action of William Carey alongside the (Continued on page 10)

The Rev. J. H. Walker, Sr. is as widely known and loved as any man in the Church of God. Having served the Church as General Overseer, President of Lee College, and for the past four years as Executive Foreign Missions Secretary. At present he is state overseer of Ohio and a member of the Foreign Mission Board. Having this deep interest in foreign mission work, he is especially happy that



## Youth's Opportunity

By J. H. WALKER, JR.

+ The Son

Matthew 28:18-20, "... All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."



HIS COMMAND is for every Christian today. Some don't have the opportunity of teaching Christ's principles to people of other nations, but they have their work to do at home. Others, and especially the youth, can actually go into the foreign fields and teach other nations about Christ.

The door is wide open for Spirit-filled, well-trained young people.

Now is the time for us to do all that we can to lead souls to Christ. During the past few months, Satan has been manifesting his power more than usual. Not being a creator, he is an excellent imitator and has a religion which is an imitation of Christianity. It is called Voodooism and is well established in certain parts of the world today. It is a religion of fear in contrast to Christianity, which is a religion of love. The people worship Satan and the evil spirits, offering many sacrifices so that no harm will befall them. This religion is well organized, with Baron Samedi and Erlizer corresponding to Christ and Mary. When a Voodooist is converted, the Church of God pastor gathers his voodoo fetishes and Catholic idols and publicly burns them. Recently, Pasteur Bernard Lacombe was burning the voodoo temple of a converted priest when a doll, representing a god, said to him as he was preparing to burn it, "What are you doing here? This is not your territory. Why don't you go back where you belong?" Brother Lacombe rebuked it in the name of the Lord and burned it. Another time the devil took possession of a young man who was seeking to be saved and argued with the missionary. He said, "What do you, a little preacher, think you can do against me? Why,

his son, Herbert, Jr., has dedicated his life to this great work. Herbert, Jr., received his B. A. degree from Vanderbilt University and has served four years as missionary to Haitl. At present he is on an extended furlough doing post graduate work in Peabody College.

I am Lucifer; I own the world." The missionary replied, "You don't own anything. You're a thief and a liar. Jesus owns the world and will some day take it over again." The devil became enraged and said, "What do you know of Him? You've never seen Him. I have seen Him." This is to show you how determined the devil is to keep in his clutches those who serve him. The Lord is soon to return, and the devil is trying by subtle means and by outspoken methods to defeat the advance of the Church. But He that is within us is greater than he that is in the world, and thus we see a mightier manifestation of the power of God than has been seen in many years—in great revivals, healing campaigns, and even in our local churches. The cry of today is WORK, FOR THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK.

THE CHURCH OF GOD has a well-developed mission work in many of the countries today. There are places where pioneer work is still required, but a great deal of mission work today is no longer pioneer. Some of it is established in countries which are advanced and modern in many ways. Other countries are not so modern, but the work itself is so well established that it is organized on a similar plan to that of a state in the United States. Today we need some of the Church youth to begin preparing themselves for the supervision of the Church work in the foreign fields. Don't neglect your spiritual life. This is the most important part of your preparation. However, in this article, since the spiritual part is the side so often presented, I want to present some. other things that will help in your preparation for mission work.

We do not send out great numbers of missionaries, as do some other organizations, because we work on a different plan—a plan which we feel is an improved plan. We aim to send a few well-trained missionaries who can train the nationals. These nationals know their country, their language, and their people much better than a foreigner can ever know them, and they can move among the people with greater ease and less expense. With this plan, more people can be reached on a smaller budget and the nationals are lifted up and trained to carry on the work of the Church just like our ministers at home. So, if you want to be a missionary for the Church, if you feel the call of God to your brothers and sisters across the sea, BEGIN TODAY TO PREPARE YOURSELF.

SOME COUNTRIES, especially those that are Catholic dominated, do not want Protestant missionaries to enter. At times one is obliged to enter as a social worker or teacher. Naturally, he must be certified before he can enter. And even in countries where missionaries (Continued on page 11)

#### HEADQUARTERS CHURCH CONDUCTS FIRST MISSIONARY CONVENTION

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Lord to continue to promote missions, for he realizes that a MISSIONARY-minded church is a SPIRITUALLY minded church. He and his church take the position that just because these mission representatives assisted him in raising these fine offerings, it does not mean that he and his church will say, "Well we have raised our portion for missions this year, and now we are through." Instead, they say, "The mission spirit has gripped our hearts, and there is no stopping place in our continued giving." The Lord continues to give; He has no stopping place, and it is through Him that our actions of continued services are determined.

Friends, we trust this spirit of missions will grip your hearts and you will give your all to follow in the steps of our very first MISSIONARY, and that you can say with Isaiah, "Here am I; send me."

Ready to go, ready to stay, ready my place to fill; Read to stand aside and give, till He shall clear the way. Ready to go, ready to stay, ready my place to fill; Ready for service, lowly or great, Read to do His will."

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS: THE CHURCH'S INESCAPABLE RESPONSIBILITY

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"separation of Barnabas and Saul" for missionary work. William Carey has been rightly reckoned "the father of modern Missionary Movement." At his shoe shop, where he eked out a meager living, he kept the Bible, encyclopedias, geographies, and language books open before him as he worked. The shop was called "Mr. Carey's College." Here he learned Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French, and Dutch, besides learning Botany and other kindred subjects. He had been saved in an open-air revival, which meetings were in ill-favor of the high churchmen. In an association meeting, being urged by the moderator to suggest a theme for discussion, he proposed the following, "Whether the command given to the apostles to teach all nations was not obligatory on all ministers to the end of the world?" It was not very gracious for the moderator to call out, "Sit down, young man. You are a miserable enthusiast to ask such a question. When God wants to convert the world, He can do it without your help; and at least nothing can be done until a second Pentecost shall bring a return of the miraculous gifts." But this didn't stop Carey. He put the inquiry in print and spread the news far and wide. He drew from Isaiah 54:2, 3, two great challenges: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." This led to the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society, and William Carey the first foreign missionary. Andrew Fuller said, "There is a gold mine in India, but it seems as deep as the center of the earth. Who will venture to explore it?" William Carey, in words never to be forgotten, answered, "I will go down, but remember that you must hold the rope." The society had but thirteen pounds, two shillings, and six-pence at that time. Many of the ministers of the church were against the project. Yet, through the laity, funds were raised.

At that time the East India Company (English), which controlled shipping in the area, shared jealousy against missionary efforts with the chief statesmen, prelates of the established state church, and nonconformist ministers, so that a special license to enter the territory was required. Because of objections, after William Carey and his party were aboard, they were put off the ship and left stranded until God opened another way—on a Danish East Indiaman, the "Kron Princessa Maria."

William Carey's labors in India are never to be forgotten. He translated the Bible into the native language and composed songs and sang to the natives. Without the aid of grammars, he did this Herculean job of translating, and after seven long strenuous years, he baptized his first convert "Krishnu." W. Pakenham Walsh, D. D., said, "Carey was by no means a man of brilliant genius; still less was he a man of warm enthusiasm; he had nothing of the sentimental, or speculative, or imaginative in his disposition; but he was a man of untiring energy and indomitable perseverance." Difficulties seemed only to develop him.

WHEN John and Charles Wesley were pushed out of the churches and took to the streets for meetings, and John used his father's tomb as his pulpit, he preached such heart-searching messages that all old England and young America were stirred.

From this great movement of faith, power, and inspiration came Missionary Hudson Taylor and the "China Inland Missions," one of the main agencies evangelizing China's teeming millions.

During the great Moody revival of spiritual upsurge, Moody visited Cambridge with his deepening spiritual life, which influence led to the forming of the "Forward Movement," a great "Church Missionary Society," which sent forth such men as Jonathan Edwards and David Brainard, who risked their lives among hostile Indians in America. But, when the call to service came clear to them, they said, "Here am I, send me." Mention could be made of Ongole who went to South India, Banza Manteke to Belgian Congo. It was my privilege in 1951 to visit and see the great missionary work being carried on successfully in the Congo. I wish we, too, had many missionaries in this needy field.

The time when people laughed at missionaries and missions has long passed away. It is no longer possible to laugh at them. The serious statesman feels that, if not the missionary, then he knows not who is to create the bond of spiritual fellowship between East and West, Africa and Europe, America and the Orient. He looks eagerly towards this missionary effort. It is the biggest thing in the world that has to be done, and a great and consuming desire has seized the souls of people of all sorts and kinds. The mingling of nations gives us our great opportunity, our great responsibility.

"The evangelization of the world in this generation" has become the watchword. These are great desires, ideal desires. Some may say, "Why bother ourselves about things that seem so far off and unpractical?" but that feeling is in direct opposition to the Bible.

#### Unfinished Task

We are faced with a gigantic task. According to World Statistics, reported by *United Evangelical Actions*, there are:

300 million in Confucianism and Taoism

40 million steeped in Hinduism

300 million in ugly grip of loveless Mohammedanism

180 million bound in Buddhism and Lamaism

158 million groping in darkness of Animism

327 million beneath the sinister cloak of Romanism

12 million Jews who know not our Lord

150 million atheists, agnostics, or unconcerned

11/2 billion unreached, marching toward the grave and

the vast beyond

500 million so-called Christians, including Roman Catholics, Greek, and Eastern churches, that only the Lord knows how many are born-again Christians. Two-thirds of India's population is unevangelized, and three quarters of the peoples of South America are still outside the gospel. Today Japan is the world's greatest challenge; Africa is second.

In the past five years, the Church of God has raised \$238,000 more than the total receipts from all the thirty-five previous years in the history of our foreign missions. While this represents a great increase, we have yet to catch the vision of our real opportunities and responsibilities—like the leaders of the New Testament League who believed they were asking a big order of the General to be permitted to distribute 10,000 New Testaments in Japan, and were told by General MacArthur he would not grant permission for 10,000 copies (too small) but added he would permit them to distribute ten million copies, and I believe he offered to assist them in the distribution.

The gospel, after nearly two thousand years, is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. It has lost none of its power. It has not changed. Therefore, the Great Commission stands; the Lord's promise to go with us stands. Then let me ask, How in this world can the Church escape her responsibility? How can you, as an individual follower, hope to escape this great commission?

#### YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY

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are welcome, a college education is almost taken for granted.

Because of his versified activities, a missionary's education should be as broad as possible. He should take as many introductory courses in the social sciences, health, and business administration as he can. He should decide, if possible, on the language-speaking field to which he feels called to work. Then he should study about two years of grammar in this language while in college. I do not believe he should major in the language field, as that will come later with practice on the field. So often in a foreign country one needs to know when NOT to speak. It takes a few months of living there to get the feel of the country and people, so it is sometimes to one's advantage not to be able to speak fluently when he arrives.

Office work is one of the important phases of missionary activity. As he will be doing most of his English correspondence, the missionary should be a fair typist. Also, he should be a good bookkeeper. He will be handling mission funds which belong to the public and should be able to give an account of every penny received and spent. The Missions Department is working out a uniform system of keeping books and reports, and each prospective missionary should have a knowledge of the fundamentals of bookkeeping. I want to emphasize this need, as its importance is often overlooked.

When you want to know the progress of any company,

you study its books. The same should be for your mission work. If you want to know how each church, each district, each school is progressing, you should understand your reports and keep up with them. We found, in Haiti, by studying the reports that came into the office that we were spending about \$4 per converted follower that we were able to gain to the Lord. We needed more money for evangelization. We began to study the other departments to see what could be worked out. We found that in the Orphanage Department we were spending over \$200 a month on twenty-three children. We were convinced that it was the duty and privilege of the Church to care for orphans, but there were also better ways of doing so than in an institution. Upon inquiry, we found, even in Haiti where there are so many children already, that there were several good Church of God families financially able to care for the children than we were, and who were anxious to have a child to rear as their own. Some of our ministers were anxious to adopt a child. In this manner the children would have private homes and still be cared for by Church of God people. That left us \$200 more a month that could be put into evangelization. That meant that we could support at least 15 more evangelists a month, and still not neglect the care of the children. Without good reports we could not have been acquainted with the facts necessary in making this change.

OTHER important prerequisites for a missionary are patience, love for the people, desire to help others, and Christian attitudes in general. I heard someone say, "When you are packing to go to the field and there is a little extra space in your suitcase, fill it with patience. And if you need something to wedge between articles, use patience. And if there is any space around the corners or edges, stuff in patience." That's pretty good advice. Another thing that I would add is, you must feel that the people you serve are as dear to God as your own American friends. You must recognize the work of each individual and, above all, know that God is no respecter of persons. You must love each person as a fleshly brother or sister. There is no room for racial prejudice of any kind. You will not be there to "Americanize" him, but to Christianize him.

Do Something Today. If you want to be a missionary in the Church of God, write Reverend Paul H. Walker, the Executive Missions Secretary, for application blanks. Get acquainted with some of the Missions Board members. Let them know of your desire and how you are preparing yourself. Don't wait until a few months before finishing your schooling before contacting the Board; do so today. In this way you will have a much better chance of being sent at the time when you are ready.

Remember, we are living in the days when Satan is working hard and God is manifesting more and more power. Christ is coming soon. Youth, take this life seriously and choose your vocation of working for the Lord. Be able to say with the apostle Paul (Galatians 2:20), "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." By doing this you will be able to say with him, also (2 Timothy 4:7, 8a), "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: . . ."



Orphanage Revival
Today is the day! Everyone is excited. The house mothers have prayed for a long, long time for this day. The children see the grey car and the grey house trailer pull in onto our campus. "He's here." they say. "Who's here?" someone else says. "Brother Vanoer, the man who is to preach for us tonight and every night for a while."

And he did preach. God gave him a special anointing to preach the gospel in all its simplicity. The children understood what he said about God, about being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. God melted their hearts, and how they did seek His face! They were not ashamed to pray; they lifted their hands and tear-stained faces to One who is able to do anything and everything. Many fell to the floor under the mighty power of God and, praying earnestly, they received His Holy Spirit into their lives, with the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues as the

Spirit gave them utterance.

We have no way of knowing just how many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, but God knows. He knows how many times there was rejoicing in heaven over each sinner as he repented. He numbered those that received His Spirit into their lives. Pray that they shall continue on for Him.

Brother Bruce Vanoer's home address is 2300 Gilbert St., Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a young, consecrated man who is greatly used of God to win souls. Sister Vanoer is a wonder-ful-soloist. They would be a blessing to your church, should you desire their service.—Mrs. George W. Ayers, Reporter.

DOWLING PARK, Fla.—We truly thank and praise God for the good revival we had here, beginning September 29 and continuing through October 26.

The first week of our revival Brother Henry Wiltkins, pastor of the Pine Grove Church of God, was our evan-gelist. We enjoyed his good preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. After Brother Wiltkins had to leave us, Sister Bonnie Bass, of the Rifle Range Church of God at Winter Haven, Florida, preached to us for 3 weeks longer. Sister Bass preached the old-time gospel with humiliation and earnestness of heart, under the divine anointing of the Holy Ghost. Four were saved, 3 sanctified, and 5

baptized with the Holy Ghost. On the last day of the revival we had an all-day service and dinner spread in the old-fashioned style. In the afternoon 2 were baptized in water and 2 added to the church. We truly thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Glenn Pridgen. We believe the Lord sent them to us. The church is slowly but surely moving on under Brother Pridgen's leadership. Pray for us.-Mrs. Evelyn Baker, Reporter.

BRANTLEYVILLE, Ala.just had a 3 weeks' revival. Rev. A. W. Mills, the blind evangelist, did the preaching. We received many blessings of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, in which the saints were revived. Six were saved, 9 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church, 5 by transfer.—
Dewey Garrett, Pastor; William Johnson, Clerk.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla.—Revival just closed. Forty-five saved, 25 sanctified, 22 filled with the Holy Ghost and 26 added to the church. Roland Verrico, evangelist.-Walter R. Pettit,

BLACKVILLE, Ga.—We have just had a 3 weeks' revival with Sister Marjorie Mills, of Lakeland, Florida, as the guest speaker. Eight were saved, 8 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was closed with Communion and feet washing. —A. L. Williams, Pastor, Soperton, Georgia.

SPRINGFIELD, N. C.—We have just had one of the greatest revivals that we have ever witnessed here in Springfield. Rev. G. H. Grooms, Jr., of Valdese, North Carolina, was our evangelist. Each night Brother Grooms brought an inspiring and glorious message that brought unsaved hearts to an altar of prayer and uplifted the hearts of the Christians. Eighteen were saved, 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 7 bap-tized in water. We also welcomed 7 new members into the church. We are truly grateful that Brother Grooms came our way, and above all we thank the Lord for the way He blessed and still is blessing us here in Springfield.

BYINGTON, Tenn.—We are having services in a tent while building a

church. Brother Muriel Cunningham conducted a revival for us. The Lord blessed. Twelve were saved, 12 sancti-fied, 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 10 new members added, with 2 transfers. We had only 8 members be-fore the revival.—Earl W. Lane, Pas-

SMITH CHAPEL, Tenn.—We have recently had a 2 weeks' revival. Rev. O. L. McManus was the evangelist. One was saved, 2 were sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 new members added to the church.

One week after this revival, on Oc-

tober 26, we had an all-day service, which was dedication day for the church. The day was glorious in the Lord. Our good pastor, Rev. C. B. Rainwater, preached at the eleven o'clock hour. His subject was "A Touch From God." At noon a bountiful lunch was spread and enjoyed. At two o'clock everyone was called back into the building for the dedication hour. Rev. O. L. McManus brought the message. An offering of \$201 was raised to pay on our church benches. We do truly thank God and give Him all the praise for everything. We also thank God for our good pastor and his wife who have been and still are a blessing to us. The church is on the move and God is blessing.—J. W. Throneberry, Clerk.

COCONUT GROVE, Fla.—The veteran and nationally known converted Jew, Evangelist J. E. Smeltzer, of Paducah, Kentucky, recently conducted the most successful revival exper-ienced by the Coconut Grove, Florida, Church of God in many years. His poignant messages, emphasizing the prophetic fulfillment of the times in which we live, aroused the church members to a deeper realization of their responsibilities and of the limited time remaining to work for the Master. The church and the community were stirred to the extent that 21 persons found the Saviour, 21 were sanctified, 15 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 7 baptized in water. Rev. Smeltzer is an ardent believer in God's power to heal and several persons were delivered from afflictions through his prayers. We unreservedly recommend him as an outstanding evangelist.-Donald D. Rowe, Clerk.

POMONA, N. C .- The Church God in Pomona was one year old November 2. We closed the greatest revival in the history of this church on vival in the history of this church on the same date. Sister Bessie Puckett was the evangelist. Twenty were saved, 19 sanctified, 15 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 26 added to the church. We thank God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sis-ter Thomas Wishon, who have worked so hard to bring this church to the front.—Andrew C. Highbell.

SODDY, Tenn.—We have recently had a wonderful revival here, with 21 saved, 10 sanctified, and 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist was Rev. Gilbert C. Pearson, of Cambridge, Maryland. Rev. A. V. Coker is the pastor.—Reporter. MUNFORDVILLE, Ky.—We are happy to report a revival that was conducted here in the courthouse. We had large crowds. Several were saved, sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Chost. Several were healed, also. Munfordville has some fine, God-loving people and we hope to go there for a tent revival next year.—Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife.

Telegram
Great revival at Pulaski, Virginia, with Dr. Helen Morrow as the evangelist. Forty-one saved, 5 sanctified, 5 received the Holy Ghost to date. God is blessing in a great way.-J. L. Sum-

ROYSTON, Ga. — The Royston, Georgia, Church of God has just had a wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Crocker as the evangelists. Both Brother and Sister Crocker are ministers, as well as musicians. Brother Crocker drew chalk pictures to illustrate the sermons. Four were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. We feel that the whole church was revived.—Mrs. O. B. Almond, Church Reporter.

OAK GROVE, Fla.—We have just had a wonderful revival at the Oak Grove Church of God, with Brother F. E. Williams, of Jacksonville, Florida, as the evangelist. Many souls were saved and the church blessed in a mighty way. Brother Williams plays the piano and accordion well and any church needing a revival will be blessed greatly by using him. Pray for the work here.—H. T. McDonald, Pastor.

HARTSVILLE, S. C.—We have just had a revival with Brother B. T. Sprouse, of Clover, South Carolina, as our evangelist. Four were saved and one sanctified. Brother Sprouse did some good preaching, and any church will do well to have him for a revival. -W. H. Cabaniss, Pastor.

JAMBOREE, Ky.—We have just had a revival with Rev. Jessie Daugherty as the evangelist, assisted by Rev. O. A. as the evangelist, assisted by Rev. O. A. Stump, our pastor. Six souls were saved, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 baptized in water. Our church was wonderfully blessed. We had 175 in Sunday School last Sunday.—Eli Coleman, Clerk.

WEST JUNCTION, Ohio—The West Junction Church of God reports a revival with Rev. D. R. Moreland as the evangelist. We feel the church was much inspired by the preaching of the gospel, which was very encouraging to all the laymen of the church. Five were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 1 was added to the church.—Alex Yeary, Pastor.

#### TELEGRAM

Great revival breakout at Edge Hill, Georgia, Church of God. Seventeen saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost. Meeting still going and the Lord blessing.—P. S. Collins, Evange-list; B. G. Moxley, Pastor.



COX

Rev. Jonah Cox, of Austin, Indiana, departed this life April 11. He was a faithful member of the Austin Church of God and was loved by many. Surviving Rev. Cox are his wife and children. He will be greatly missed by the church at Austin.—Thurman Napier, Church Reporter.

KIMBELL

(Written in memory of little Peggy Louise Kimbell who died July 4, 1952) God loaned to us a little girl With eyes so big and bright, With sturdy legs and chubby hands And lips to kiss good-night.

She stayed with us just three short years, We learned to love her so: And then an angel came one day And said, "It's time to go."

The shock seems more than we can bear,

Our hearts are broken, too; There's not a moment, Peggy dear, That we do not think of you.

We cannot understand, dear Lord, Your taking her away, But we will not complain because Your will we must obey.

The patter of her little feet Today we hear no more, But she's at home with Jesus Over on the other shore.

The best that heaven has, we know, To Peggy will be given; A beautiful rosebud here was she To bloom for us in heaven. -Her Grandmother, Mrs. Callie Lynch, Rt. 1, Warrenton, North Caro-

GREGORY

R. J. Gregory passed on to be with the Lord November 9, 1952. The funeral was held at the Moultrie, Ga., Church of God, with the following ministers in charge: J. J. Floyd, form-er pastor; D. W. Mills, present pastor; and Rev. Barfield, pastor of the Cal-vary Baptist Church.—D. W. Mills.

MULLIS and CRAIG

MULLIS and CRAIG
In loving memory of our son, Thomas Gerald Mullis, and our son-in-law,
J. Baxter Craig, Jr., who were killed
in a plane crash November 11, 1951.
Sons, you are both sadly missed, but
we feel our loss is heaven's gain. You are gone from our presence, but not from our thoughts.—Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Mullis, Marfrance, W. Va.

PHILLIPS

Sister Louise Phillips, age 33, departed this life on Tuesday evening, October 14, 1952. She was a very devoted Christian mother. She leaves her husband and 4 small children to mourn her passing. She was a member of the Royston, Georgia, Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. M. Chitwood,

assisted by Rev. Bob Elgin and Rev. Floyd Stancill.—Mrs. O. B. Almond, Church Reporter.

PALM

Nettie Jewett Palm, who was a faithful member of the Church of God at Cross Keys, Pennsylvania, went home to be with Jesus on October 25, 1952, at the age of 65 years. She will be greatly missed by the church and many friends and loved ones.—Her pastor, J. K. Morgan.

MILLER

Sister Mollie Miller departed his life March 24, 1952, at the age of 68 years. She has gone to be with Jesus. She joined the Church of God in Rock Hill, South Carolina, in 1915, and was a faithful member. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H.
Daniels, and Rev. D. R. Robinson of
Paw Creek, North Carolina, at the
Bessemer City, North Carolina,
Church of God, where she was a member at the time of her death.-Lela Stewart.

ANDERSON

Rev. Arthur O. Anderson, an or-dained minister in the Church of God of Dollar Bay, Michigan, passed on to his reward October 14, 1952. His departure followed that of his wife and co-worker in the gospel work by only about seven months. Brother Anderson had been preaching for about 25 years, and his entire ministry had been in the state of Michigan. He really never saw a well day from the time

ly never saw a well day from the time his wife left for her new home.

Twenty licensed and ordained Church of God ministers, including the writer, attended the funeral, which was reached by Rev. Lyle Jackson, at Lake Odessa, October 18. The beautiful flowers and large crowd in attendance at the funeral showed that he left many friends behind. The attendance included several other attendance included several other Pentecostal ministers besides the ones from our own Church mentioned above.

Please remember the children in your prayers. The older ones are holding the home together and taking care of the younger ones, the youngest of which is a girl of about five years. They will greatly miss the guidance of their devoted Christian parents, but the Lord can help and guide them so that the entire family will be united again.—M. P. Cross, State Overseer.

GREENE

Brother Willard O. Greene, a faithful and devoted member of the Church of God since 1928, went to be with the Lord October 7. He was attending the Montana State Ministers' Meeting at Bigtimber when he passed away suddenly. He had retired from ranching since 1935 and for the past seven years had resided in Bozeman. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Mollie Greene, his daughter, Mrs. Elma Savchenko, and 3 grandchildren.
Brother Greene was loved by the church. Funeral services were conducted at the Bigtimber Church of God.—G. W. Cleghorn, his pastor.



#### Laborers Together with God

By Mrs. Nina Driggers

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvest waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away!"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

If you cannot cross the ocean And the heathen lands explore, You can find the heathen nearer; You can help them at your door. If you cannot give your thousands, You can give the widow's mite; And the least you give for Jesus Will be precious in His sight.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly;
Let His work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

-Daniel March.

ADIES, let us come together as a great army of warriors with the mighty leader Jesus Christ to lead us on to victory in this great fight to win souls for Him. No one person can win this battle against sin, but joined together in one big circle, fasting, praying, and working, we can move a world heavenward.

You have probably heard the story of the father who called his sons together and gave each one a stick. With these sticks he taught them the value of cooperation by showing them how easily one could be broken alone, and the impossibility of breaking them when they were all together. If we, as Christian women, will work together in God's great vineyard, only eternity will be able to reveal the good that can be done, and no power is strong enough to hinder when He is our leader.

We realize that never in the history of mankind has the enemy of our souls worked with greater force and power than he is working today. Not only is he working with every sinful device to destroy our young people, but he is seeking the older people as well. I'm afraid he has caused many sincere Christians to become complacent in the work, while souls are dying without God. Let us awake to the fact that there is a sin of omission. We must not neglect our prayer life, our Bible reading, our church attendance, and our constant spiritual care for all that need help.

We cannot all be preachers, nor teachers, but we can all be soul winners, if we will stay near the cross and obey Jesus at all times. Did you forget Him when your friend came to visit you and never a word spoke in His favor? Are you too busy to tell the story of Jesus to that wayward boy or girl that you see very often, or too busy to travail for his or her soul in prayer?

A good soldier is vigilant at all times, for to fail could mean death to thousands. Let us pledge our loyalty to our Leader, Jesus Christ, that thousands may be saved from eternal death.

"OUR CHILDREN'S" CHRISTMAS
Church of God Orphanage
Sevierville, Tennessee

HE VERY AIR is filled with expectancy and joyful anticipation. Toylands are filled with wide-eyed children everywhere.

We have about 300 children this year who will look to us for the things every child's heart craves at this holiday season. They do not have fathers and mothers to go to with their desires, therefore they come to you and me.

We do not want to disappoint them, but to give them a Christmas as near to what they would have in a private home as possible. You can help us realize this by planning now, as an individual, Sunday School class, Y. P. E. group, or church, to send whatever you can for "our children's" Christmas.

Toys, fruit, candy, clothing, and other gifts will gladden the hearts of our boys and girls on Christmas morning. Plan now what you will do, and, if possible, let us hear from you not later than December 18.

It is not necessary to gift-wrap your packages; but if you do, state on them if they are for a boy or girl, and the age of child that should receive them. Our children's ages range from two to nineteen years.

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#### In Memoriam

McCARTNEY

Mammie Edna McCartney departed this life August 16, 1952, for the city of God. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Archibald, Louisiana. Sister McCartney leaves her husband, Rev. T. J. McCartney, 3 boys, and 3 girls to mourn her death. She is greatly missed by her friends and all who knew her. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. John W. Blow.

PITTS

E. A. Pitts passed away September 18, 1952, at the age of 60. He joined the Church of God in 1925 and was a member at the time of his death. He began to trust the Lord for his body a long time before he came into the Church of God. I am glad I can rest assured that he has gone where there are no more heartaches, and some day I expect to meet him again.—His wife, Mrs. E. A. Pitts.



#### LOUISIANA PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Louisiana Prayer and Bible Conference, which convened November 11-13, 1952, surely added much strength to our souls.

Rev. Y. W. Kidd, our state overseer, completed the conquest of the hearts of the Louisiana folks by the way he planned and carried out the meeting.

Many persons who are well known and much loved in the Church of God attended. All of them were a blessing to us.

Reverend Robert Johnson was the night speaker. His sermons will not be forgotten soon. Sister Johnson made us happy by her presence, her testi-mony and singing. Reverend Charles W. Conn, our Ed-

itor-in-Chief, was with us for one whole day. His message in the afterwhole day. His message in the after-noon accomplished his purpose, in that our determination was greatly increased. He caused us to think of the Psalmist when he said, "his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord" (Psa. 112:7b). Brother Conn worked in the state during part of his early minisstate during part of his early ministry, so, of course, the people were very happy to gather around him and shake his hand at every opportunity. The morning Bible study seemed to stimulate a desire in the ministers to more carefully "search the Scriptures."

Many persons made great sacrifices to be with us. Brother Johnson even closed a revival at the Orlando, Florida, church to come. May God reward him. Rev. G. C. Hamby, overseer of Mississippi, and Brother Kennedy, Mississippi state treasurer, were with us for one day. Brother Hodges, overseer of Arkansas, and a group of his fine ministers attended almost the whole conference. All of these men of God proved an added blessing to us.

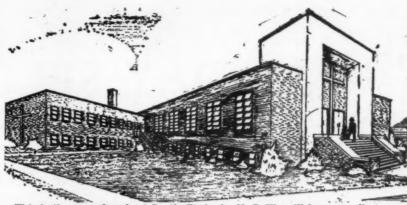
Brother Kidd and the whole Church of God in Louisiana owe Rev. James E. Wynes, pastor at Bogalusa, Sister Wynes, and their folks a vote of thanks for the faithful and cheerful efforts to make our stay pleasant.

Watch Louisiana go forward for the next four years as it has in the past! -Thomas Shoemaker, Reporter.

A RICH REPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA
By F. J. Schutte
Greetings in the precious name of

the Lord.

I hereby wish to thank you for your most inspiring letter which I received sometime ago. I truly appreciate your interest shown in the mission work of



This is the new church at South Gastonia, N. C. We will have our first serv-This is the new church at South Gastonia, N. C. We will have our first service in it the second Sunday in December, December 14, and we are expecting 1,000 in Sunday School that day. The Orphanage band will be with us. Also, Dr. Earl P. Paulk and Rev. Archie Luke and many other outstanding visitors will be with us. The estimated cost of our building when completed will be \$130,000, and will be one of the finest in the Church of God. We have the main building about completed and will build the Sunday School department as soon as we take down the old church building.—Ray Collins, Pastor.

South Africa. May the good Lord bless you richly in the new work He has laid on your shoulders. We will, however, ever remember you in our

I can truly say we are proud to be co-workers of such a blessed organiza-

I am very thankful towards God to I am very thankful towards God to be able to state that the work in the Transvaal, Swazlland, and Portuguese, East Africa, is progressing in a wonderful way. Up to this date five witch doctors have been converted and have done away with witchcraft. This, of course, is a great victory, as their influence is so far-raching their influence is so far-reaching

among the natives. The Lord has also blessed us to such an extent that two Swazi chiefs have received the Lord, one of whom has already been baptized. You, no doubt, realize that this means a great step forward, as such a chief has a few thousand followers.

Three years ago when I felt the call to this part of the Lord's work the total membership was approximately 1,000; today the total is 18,000. There are still parts of the reserves where I have to take in bags of salt, mealies, etc., to feed the poor natives because of the severe drought.

I am looking to God for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit.



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